Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum

Key Policy Updates: Energy Data Access and Benchmarking

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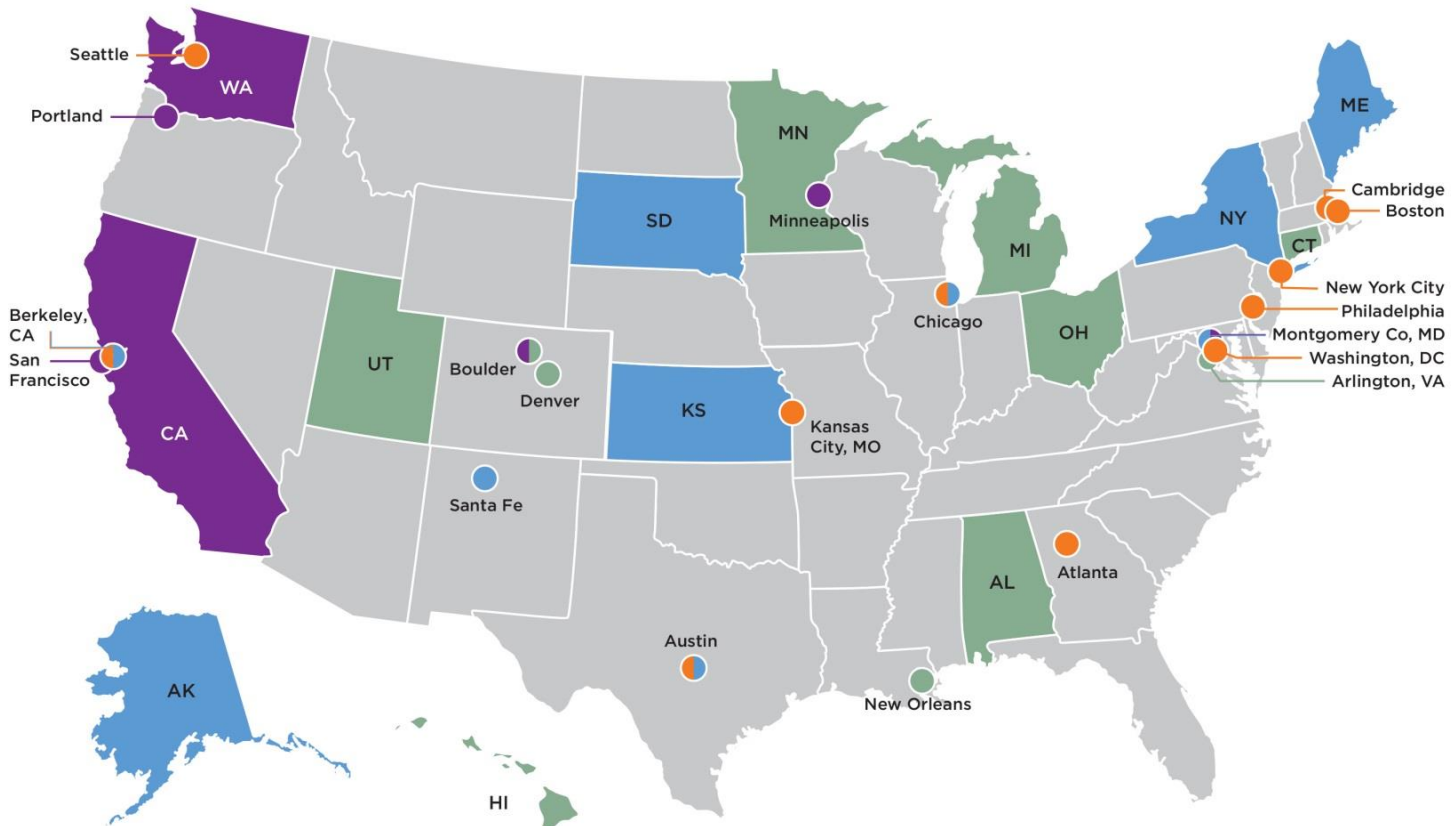
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Accelerate the transition to a sustainable world powered by clean energy

Benchmarking and Transparency Primer

- **Benchmarking** is the process of measuring your building's energy and water consumption to compare against past performance and to other similar buildings nationwide

- Why require benchmarking and transparency?

  – Shine a light on policy and investment opportunities, reward efficiency, and drive continuous improvement

Benchmarking and Transparency Policy Adoption

U.S. Building Benchmarking and Transparency Policies

- AB 802 (Williams): Energy Efficiency
  - Signed into law October, 2015
  - Mandates utilities provide whole-building energy usage information (WBUI) to building owner/agent upon request
    - Requirements come into effect January 1, 2017
    - 3+ accounts commercial, 5+ accounts residential
  - Requires CEC to adopt energy benchmarking and transparency regulations
    - Commercial and multifamily buildings ≥ 50,000 sq. ft.

Regulatory and Program Development

- Regulations are in development by the California Energy Commission
  - Rulemaking 15-OIR-05
  - Past Workshops:
    - November 10, 2015
    - March 25, 2016

http://energy.ca.gov/benchmarking/

How Can Local Governments Get Involved?

- Provide comments on draft regulation
  - California Benchmarking Collaborative: One central group of stakeholders from local government, environmental groups, & industry

- Lead by example
  - Local governments can still adopt benchmarking policies that align with state requirements
  - Benchmark your public sector buildings

- Provide training and technical assistance

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Thank you!
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